	Subject	Modifications
(ii)	Distribution of Assistive devices costing more than Rs. 6,000/-	The motorised tricycles for persons with\ locomotor disability and software for visually handicapped persons using computers which may cost more than Rs. 6,000/- are permitted. The extent of the subsidy would be Rs. 6000/- only.
(iii)	Monitoring and evaluation	2% of annual allocation has been earmarked for monitoring and evaluation expenses.
(iv)	Procedure for receipt of grant-in-aid by an implementing agency	The implementing agencies will be requested to keepmanuals/literature on main features, maintenance and upkeep of devices, one year free maintenance would be provided by them for assistive devices.
(v)	Aids and Appliances to be provided to Visually Handicapped	Braille writing equipments including Braillers, Braille shorthand machines, typewriters for blind students from tenth class instead of XII class.
(vi)	increase in coverage of girl child/women	At least 25% of the beneficiaries should be girl children/women.

Orphans and destitute children

† *526. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that orphans and destitute children born in India, on being adopted by foreigners, wish to return to India because they have to live in mental stress while living in racial atmosphere in foreign countries but due to uncertainty and lack of proper system, it is not possible;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering this issue on humanitarian ground; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Such instances are rare. Government of India through Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) maintains a tOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

close vigil to ensure the best interests of adopted children. Continuous contact is maintained with the foreign Governments through Indian Missions and conoerned agencies to ensure the welfare of the children.

New Mission for Secondary Education

† *527. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH
MAJITHA: SHRI RAM JETH MALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new mission for secondary education is needed to be set up on the pattern of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Mission;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that approximately 2.8 crore children are now registered for the secondary education;

(d) if not, the actual number thereof in the year 2004-05; and

(e) the number of such children estimated to be in the year 2010-11 and the existing number of children in the age group of 14—18 years not registered in the schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) With the universalisation of primary education, it is expected that the demand for secondary education in the country will increase in future. The Government has re-constituted the Central Advisory Board on Education and a sub committee constituted by it is considering the Various aspects of universalisation of secondary education. The report of the committee is awaited.

(c) and (d) According to the "Provisional Statistics" report of the 7th Survey (reference date September 30,2002) 2.18 crore children in class IX-X and 1.14 crore in XI and XII were enrolled.

(e) According to a prelimary projection made by the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), assuming that the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan will fully achieve its targets, approximately 4.6 crore children by 2010 will require enrolment in grades IX-X. The data regarding the existing number of children in the age group of 14 — 18 years not registered in schools is not maintained centrally.

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